

Maricopa Association of Governments Building Codes Committee Resolution
Storage Space Lighting

WHEREAS The Maricopa Association of Governments Building Codes Committee (hereafter referred to as the “Committee”) has reviewed the 2003 and 2006 editions of the International Residential Code and the 2002 and 2005 editions of the National Electrical Code (hereafter collectively referred to as the “Code”) with the intent to promote and present uniform guidance for the installation of Luminaires in storage spaces located under stairs for jurisdictions within Maricopa County; AND

WHEREAS the storage or equipment spaces that are located underfloor or in attics would require lighting fixtures and shall be installed based on IRC E3803.4; AND

WHEREAS, some MAG jurisdictions have interpreted that under-stair spaces are to be considered as “underfloor” spaces and have required the installation of luminaires in such locations; AND

WHEREAS the committee has researched and discussed this issue and determined that the intent of the code is to require luminaires in storage spaces that are truly underfloor, namely crawl spaces only; AND

BE IT SO RESOLVED by the Committee that storage space located under stairs not be considered as underfloor spaces requiring lighting for the sake of consistency throughout Maricopa County. This resolution shall have an effective date of July 1, 2006.